



The Annual Report
for
1953

Logan Neighbourhood House

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The story of Logan Neighbourhood House begins about seven years ago when Winnipeg citizens and welfare officials became concerned with the high delinquency rate in the city, particularly among juveniles. As a result of this concern, the Welfare Council of Greater Winnipeg undertook a study of the CPR-Notre Dame area - an area heavily populated despite the growing number of business and wholesale houses therein. A report was issued in 1949.

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The CPR-Notre Dame report and subsequent surveys revealed a high percentage of social problems in this area and a serious inadequacy of co-ordinated welfare services. Some groups were attempting to meet the needs of the residents, but could not begin to cover the entire area. The Survey recommended that a Neighbourhood House be set up to provide a preventive service, to meet the needs of the people before they became acute problems requiring expensive treatment.

The Purpose of a Neighbourhood House is to help strengthen family ties in the area, to provide recreational facilities and leadership for every member of the family and to be an information and consultative centre for those in need of welfare or community services. Both professional social workers and trained volunteer leaders serve in a Neighbourhood House.

In September, 1950, the Junior League of Winnipeg was looking for a project and was approached by the Welfare Council of Greater Winnipeg to consider this suggestion. One Neighbourhood House would not provide the whole answer to the problem, but could be the beginning. After careful consideration, the Junior League of Winnipeg in 1951 voted \$25,000.00 to the project, to be spent over a three year period.

It was part of the plan to find another service club to help finance the project and the Rotary Club of Winnipeg became intensely interested.

At approximately the same time, the Kindergarten Settlement Association had requested a survey of their agency by the Canadian Welfare Council. The Kindergarten Settlement Association had been serving this area since 1892. One of the recommendations of the survey completed in the summer of 1951, was

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that this agency reorganize and modernize its service to the community.

The Community Chest already contributed toward the Kindergarten Settlement Association so that when their Board made the decision to work together with the Junior League of Winnipeg, a Red Feather Neighbourhood House was born. The financial backing of the Junior League of Winnipeg over a three-year period, a grant of \$25,000.00 for current expenditures over a four-year period from the Rotary Club, a grant of \$25,000.00 for capital expenditures, plus the building and \$1,000.00 for current expenditures yearly from the Kindergarten Settlement Association placed the new agency on a firm financial basis. With an additional grant of \$500.00 from the Winnipeg Foundation, the remainder of the budget expenses amounting to \$3,700.00 for the year 1952, met by the Community Chest of Greater Winnipeg, the inaugural meeting of the new agency was held. On June 26th, 1952, the first official meeting of the Board of Directors of Logan Neighbourhood House was held with Mr. A.M. Gibson presiding as chairman.

As Mr. Gibson stated at that time "... this is a wonderful example of co-operation in our community and we look forward to seeing Logan Neighbourhood House grow and develop with the help of the professional and volunteer workers. This is an experiment for Winnipeg, and we are confident that the long-term results will be very good indeed."

The President's Report, 1953

Logan Neighbourhood House - the first Settlement House in the Canadian Prairie Provinces - commenced operations in September, 1952. This agency is truly a community product arising out of the needs of the area it serves, and planned by three prominent local organizations with the guidance and assistance of the Welfare Council of Greater Winnipeg. The through the Council, the Kindergarten Settlement Association, the Junior League of Winnipeg and the Rotary Club of Winnipeg combined efforts to launch this new agency on a three year trial basis. Further support was received from the Winnipeg Foundation and from the Community Chest of Greater Winnipeg. With this financial backing, and the use of the building formerly known as the Kindergarten Settlement Association Logan House opened its doors in September, 1952. The building was still in process of alteration at that time, and for this reason the formal opening was delayed until November when His Honor the Lieutenant Governor R.F. McWilliams, and His Worship Mayor Garnet Coulter declared the House officially open.

From the outset, the building was staffed by an Executive Director a Group Worker, and a Nursery School Director, all of whom had professional training. A bookkeeper-stenographer, a part-time nursery school assistant and a cleaning woman completed the staff. We would like at this time to express the sincere appreciation of The Board of Directors to the many volunteer workers who have given much of their time to our endeavours, and who have facilitated the work considerably, and to Mr. E. Matthews, photographer who has taken so many pictures of our different activities. We would like also to thank the press and the radio for their most generous support, and coverage of Logan Neighbourhood House, as well as

those citizens who have served on our various committees with their helpful, practical experience and advice.

I think we have had a successful year, although we have no standard to measure up to, but we do have one now for comparison next year, even if it is of our own making. Our endeavour will be, to be more and more all embracing to essential needs. This year can best be judged by the number using the House programs, the average weekly attendance, and the enthusiasm by which the programs were received. The program for this year is elaborated considerably as compared to last fall, and it looks to us in order to provide proper facilities at the House for all we can and should do, it may be necessary to erect an extension on the property in the near future. In the Treasurer's report, you will notice our available capital fund of \$25,000.00 which was given by the Kindergarten Settlement Association for the purpose of extension. This will be used only for that reason. You will also note our operating balance is very small, and I want to take this opportunity of thanking and commending our Budget Makers for the excellent job they did. With no precedent to guide them, they accomplished a veritable clairvoyant task.

I think it appropriate to report the members of our Board have been pleased to be associated together in the work of a new venture and also for the gratifying experience. They are happy such progress made during the first year has resulted from this co-operative effort.

(I move this report be adopted and filed)

A. McGregor Gibson

The Executive Director's Report, 1953

The members of the three sponsoring organizations of Logan Neighbourhood House may well be proud of the roles they have played in the establishment of this new agency. They, together with staff, volunteers, and members have succeeded in building Logan House into the type of agency they had hoped for, and at the same time becoming a part of the everyday lives of the people living in the C.P.R. - Notre Dame area of Winnipeg. Families were encouraged to come here for leisure time programs, and at the same time Logan House became the centre to which anyone in the district could bring questions and problems. Nothing was too big or too small, for there was a real sense of the value and importance of each person that came to Logan Neighbourhood House.

During the past year 154 families - a total approximately 750 individuals - have taken out a family membership for one dollar for the year, while 315 teenagers and Senior Citizens have become individual members for fifty cents for the year. Simply taking out a membership may not mean a great deal in itself, but when statistics indicate that an average of 1800 individuals have used their membership privileges each month it does begin to mean something. To those of us working at Logan House it means a number of things:

1. There is a great lack of recreational facilities in this area, so that people are turning more and more to Logan House for this service.

2. Other agencies are recognizing the services of the House and are referring an increasing number of people to us.

3. Through the kinds of uses that members have made of Logan House, it indicates a great need for some constant force in this area of the city to which people may come under any conditions whatsoever. With lack of employment, extremely crowded living conditions, marital and family difficulties, sickness, delinquency, members tend to turn to Logan House with what they are familiar for counselling as well as recreational services.

As members have made more use of the services of the House, they have assumed an increasing amount of responsibility for the neighbourhood in which Logan House is situated. For the first time during the history of the Community Chest campaign, the C.P.R.-Notre Dame area was canvassed by residents of the district, all of whom were members of Logan House. Parents belonging to the House have expressed concern during the year about the numbers of children alone on the street at night. They have taken it upon themselves not only to contact parents in the district about this matter, but also to send out letters requesting parents to accompany their small children when coming to evening activities at the House. Their concern as expressed was not only in regard to the welfare of the children and the responsibility of the parents, but also a real concern as to the reputation of well-being of Logan Neighbourhood House.

The Teenagers, too, have adopted Logan House as their own, and have had three "Open House" programs at the House as an opportunity of introducing Logan House at all teenagers in the city. It is of particular interest that although Logan House is situated in the

of juvenile delinquency is particularly high, and although there is an average weekly attendance of 125 teenagers at House activities, there has been only one slight evidence of delinquency insofar as Logan Neighbourhood House is concerned.

In order to know every person that comes to Logan House and to be able to offer the greatest service to each one, it is important that fully trained and qualified staff be employed. Although this has been done, in view of the members being served by the House, it was felt necessary to employ a male social worker in September, 1953 as a permanent staff member. Due to the shortage of social workers however, this was not possible and two male and four female part-time program assistants were added to the staff. Even with this addition the work of the House could never be accomplished were it not for the assistance of a large number of volunteers from the three sponsoring organizations as well as those secured through the Central Volunteer Bureau and the University of Manitoba. A total of thirty-six individuals contribute two to three hours of their time to Logan House every week and for special monthly occasions such as Family Night and Birthday Parties many more are added.

Members of the Board are active in their volunteer work at Logan House contributing their time not only to board and committee meetings, but also to various areas of the program either through direct or indirect assistance. We, of the staff, feel that we are in a very unique position in that both the Board and Staff are the first Board and Staff of Logan House. Every new agency has growing pains, but as we all

realize, growth is both painful and rewarding. We feel that we have truly been growing together and that our relationship is in every sense of the word, a partnership.

I believe that all of us are proud of the progress that has been made in one year by the Board of Directors, the Committees, by the Members and the Staff, the Volunteers and the Community at large through their increased donations to the Community Chest this year. It would be foolish to say that we are satisfied however, for we have a long way to go yet at Logan Neighbourhood House. We are pleased that so many people are able to use the facilities of the house, but we are concerned about the people who, for one reason or another, are unable to leave their rooms, or homes, to mix with other people in the neighbourhood. We are concerned too, about the lack of space, adequate though our building has been for the first year. The form that additional facilities should take is a matter which concerns all of us and is one which is at present under study. This year we had budgetted for a male social worker at Logan House, but due to the great shortage of social workers across the country, we were unable to fill this position. We are concerned that as there is a dearth of trained young people graduating not only in Social Work, but from many other professions which are of service to the community. The clergy, nursing, teaching and social work are all professions needing our finest young people. The situation faced by these professions due to shortage of workers at the present time is indeed serious.

In closing, I would like to thank the many agencies, organizations and citizens of our community who have assisted in so many ways with the work of Logan House. I would like also to add my personal thanks to the Board, Staff, Volunteers and members who have helped to make this first year at Logan House so tremendously vital and satisfying.

PROGRAMME REPORT - 1953

The story of the programme of Logan Neighbourhood House is created by people; first by those who were responsible for the development of the services offered, then by the Staff, and most important of all, by those members who come from the neighbourhood. Through the doors of Logan House come family groups and individuals looking for enjoyment, relaxation, new friendships, new skills, seeking advice and help, and learning to develop within themselves the strengths which will enable them to live more abundantly in their community.

The three and four year olds come to the nursery school every week-day morning or afternoon. There, they not only enjoy themselves, but at the same time learn to develop constructive habits of play, fundamentals of self-care, and how to play with others. They learn, too, that all life is not play, and that certain routine activities, such as washing hands, dressing in out door clothes, nourishment consisting of tomato juice and cookies, and rest on individual rugs, must be done.

Programmes for boys and girls from six to twelve years of age are divided into two categories - interest groups and club groups. The boys have shown a particular interest in carpentry and in tumbling classes, while the girls have been most partial to tap-dancing and a Brownie programme. In the boys' and girls' club groups, small groups of youngsters meet weekly with a leader and learn there to plan and work with their own age group in a democratic manner. Here, each child is an individual, but with the help of a leader, learns to share his ideas and possessions, and to

live within the limits of our society.

The teenagers are also active in the programme of Logan House, participating in two large programmes of their own. On Wednesday nights, the twelve to fifteen year olds meet at Hugh John McDonald School, which offers adequate space for a programme of basketball, volleyball, tumbling and square dancing.

Occasionally, these teenagers plan special parties which they hold in the comfortable surroundings of Logan House. It is on these occasions that they have particularly demonstrated their ability to plan and to be responsible for carrying through a programme with an understanding and accepting adult leader.

The older teenagers, fifteen to eighteen years, spend Friday nights each week at Logan House. During the first nine months of operation this programme was jointly sponsored with the Y.W.C.A. At Logan House there is an opportunity to meet friends, dance, participate in interest groups and discussions, and enjoy at least one healthy group experience a week. Many of the members are unable to bring their friends to their homes because of inadequate housing and other reasons, so that Logan House provides a chance for them to relax and enjoy themselves. This teenage programme is administered by a teenage Council which is responsible with the help of an adult leader for each detail of the programme.

For adults, the programme at Logan House provides a variety of activities. Mothers have their own club group one afternoon, a sewing class another afternoon, and English classes for new Canadian Mothers on another day. For all

Monday evenings, the young parents in the neighbourhood meet at Logan House for an evening out. Square dancing, cards, chess, wood working, leather work, and dramatics are all important activities in their programme. This group elects their own officers who are responsible for carrying through the ideas and suggestions of the group. It is this committee which was largely responsible for planning a special Christmas programme for children in the neighbourhood, and later for planning debates on topics of interest to people in this area. It was this group of adults too which raised sufficient funds to pay for milk for Logan Neighbourhood House summer day camp. and to buy a ping-pong table for the House.

Senior Citizens come to Logan House every day to spend the afternoon in comfortable surroundings. Many Senior Citizens prefer to play chess, checkers or whist or simply to enjoy one another's company. Many others, however, have learned a new skill, or have renewed an old one in carpentry, music, painting or sewing. With the confidence and pride that comes with knowledge and responsibility, either through holding an office on a committee, or the executive, or through demonstration of a skill, some members have been able to get part time or full time employment. Two special programmes each month for the Senior Citizens include a birthday party for every member whose birthday falls in that month, and an evening programme to which special guests are invited.

One of the most important days in the year for the Senior Citizens is Christmas Day when all Senior Citizens who would be alone come to the House for Christmas Dinner. The day before Christmas they prepare the meal themselves, and decorate the craft room for the Dinner. Christmas Day is truly Christmas at Logan House, for members of the Rotary Club, the Kindergarten Settlement, the Junior League, the Staff and the Senior

would making this a day to be remembered.

Since Logan House is a family agency, opportunities are constantly provided for parents to visit their children's programmes and vice-versa. On the fourth Thursday night of each month, all groups participating in programmes come together for Family Night Out. A small group of parents plan this programme, and at their request all children that come to the programme are accompanied by their parents. The programme generally consists of a singsong, refreshments, and entertainment, usually including a performance by one group in the House.

This completes the Fall and Winter programme at Logan Neighbourhood House. As Spring approaches, however, everyone's thoughts turn to Day Camp- particularly those boys and girls between the ages of eight and twelve, who are thus eligible for camp.

Camp is a continuation on a more intensive basis of our work through the winter, with the eight to twelve year olds. As during the winter programme, every child that is registered is visited, and the family questioned as to how best Logan House can be of service to them. Family Night programmes, sponsored by the campers, are an important part of the day-camp programme, as well as the ten-day period during which each youngster lives out of doors.

Day-camp was operated for two two-week periods in July, on a five-day week basis, with one hundred and six children registered for the total period. The programme closely approximates resident camping particularly in the setting of St. Vital Park, the facilities of which have been made available to Logan Neighbourhood House by the Parks Board of Winnipeg. The response to the camp in 1953 was very satisfactory. It is a new summer programme to the Logan House area, but we believe that it will grow.

LOGAN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For period of September 16, 1952 to December 31, 1953

Revenue division:

Receipts:

GRANTS RECEIVED:	GROSS	DEFERRED	EARNED
Rotary Club	\$10,000.00	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 8,333.33
Junior league	10,000.00	3,333.34	6,666.66
Community chest	5,759.51		5,759.51
Winnipeg Foundation	2,500.00	659.00	1,841.00
Kindergarten Settle. Assoc.(in- cluding Bond interest)	2,611.46		2,611.46
	<hr/> 30,870.97	<hr/> 5,659.01	<hr/> 25,211.96
Membership Fees			405.40
Resale of supplies & refunds, etc.			96.64
Special contributions & donations			
Rotary Club		100.00	
Rotary Club - Inner wheel		180.00	
Junior League		200.00	
Miscellaneous		<hr/> 226.30	706.30
Bank interest			<hr/> 15.99
Total Revenue			<hr/> \$26,436.29

Disbursements:

Program supplies - Gen.(including publicity & print)	\$ 1,095.93	
- Nursery school	210.79	
- Crafts	72.04	
- Senior Citizens	142.30	
- Adult Club	18.03	
- Sundry	.88	
- Films	<hr/> 62.25	\$1,602.22
Repairs and replacements	\$ 419.94	
Taxes and rent	1.00	
Water	33.16	
Electricity	216.98	
Fuel oil	822.10	
House maintenance	<hr/> 356.95	1,850.13
Salaries	\$18,684.84	
Pension payments	759.51	
Stationary and office supplies	725.62	
Telegraph and telephone	339.14	
Postage	205.32	
Insurance	250.80	
Conference and staff education	218.00	
Library	39.46	
Sundries(including camp transportation)	340.88	
Organization expense	<hr/> 624.21	<hr/> 22,187.78
Total Expenditures		<hr/> 25,640.13
Excess of revenue over expenditures		\$ 796.16

BALANCE SHEET

As on December 31, 1953

ASSETS

Revenue Division:

Cash and bank balances	\$ 5680.17
Petty Cash	25.00
Dominion of Canada Bonds, Interest Coupons	750.00
	<u>\$ 6455.17</u>

Capital division:

Funds on deposit at bank	-	\$ 540.50	
Dominion of Canada 3% Bonds @ par		25 000.00	
			<u>\$25 540.50</u>
Fixed assets - at cost-			
Construction and remodelling	-	\$ 7 532.74	
House furnishings	-	3 211.62	
Heating equipment	-	2 478.00	
Office furnishings	-	501.75	
Program equipment, net	-	463.14	
			<u>14 187.25</u>
			<u><u>\$39 727.75</u></u>

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Revenue Division:

Deferred revenue applicable to 1954		\$ 5 659.01	
Operating surplus, per annexed statement	-	<u>796.16</u>	<u>\$ 6 455.17</u>

Capital division:

Reserve for Capital expansion	-	5 000.00	
Capital surplus for period	-	114 477.75	
Deferred Grants applicable to 1954	-	250.00	
			<u>\$ 39 727.75</u>

Based on our examination it is our opinion that the above balance sheet fairly and properly sets out the financial position of the Logan Neighbourhood House as at December 31, 1953.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
LOGAN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

1952 - 1953

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